GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1574
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PRINTING WORKSHOP
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Board has taken a decision in its meeting held on September 12, 2002 that their own printing workshop will print only Railway tickets, Passes and money value items and the other printing jobs would be done by outside sources, thus leaving 25 out of 27 machines idle in their printing workshop;

(b) if so, whether the Government are likely to declare 450 railway staff in the workshop as surplus;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government had earlier shifted the printing jobs of time tables, calenders, etc; and

(e) if so, the Government`s plan with the alleged surplus of 450 working strength?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): Railway Board has decided on 12.8.02 that printing of Card tickets and moneyvalue items will continue to be done by Railway-owned printing presses. Railways plan to phase out progressively other peripheral activities from the printing presses. The quantum of redundancies of men & machines, consequent upon this outsourcing, will be known only after the detailed planning is completed.

(d): Yes Sir, In some of the Railways, the seasonal jobs involving multi-colour printing has been selectively outsourced.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to `a` to `c` above.